

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 9560

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGE: PFOR KS JA US  
SUBJ: ROK PRESS REPORTS HABIB ASSURANCE TO JAPAN THAT U.S.  
TROOPS WILL STAY IN KOREA

1. MOST ROK PRESS AFTERNOON EDITIONS DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER  
2 MORNING EDITIONS CARRIED ORIENT PRESS REPORT, DATELINED  
WASHINGTON, THAT UNDER SECRETARY HABIB "HAS ASSURED (KOREAN:  
"GUARANTEED") THE JAPANESE SIDE THAT JAPAN AND KOREA NEED NOT  
WORRY ABOUT REDUCTION OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA BY THE  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION" IN A CONVERSATION HE AND ACTING SECSTATE  
ROBINSON HAD WITH FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON NOBUHIKO  
USHIBA.

2. WE ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS STORY,  
AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE.  
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